



Leaving It All On The Field - Week 4 Sermon Notes

Playing for Something Bigger

Backyard football = just playing around. On the field = you're playing for something bigger.

Championship teams leave it **all** on the field.

God didn't put you here to play it safe—He put you here to leave it all on the field for His Kingdom.

TRUTH #1: You Were Designed to Make a **Difference**

Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Jesus didn't just save us from something... He saved us for something.

You are God's **masterpiece** with a purpose.

You weren't made to warm a seat... you were made to move your feet.

Like a puzzle piece, you only make sense in the bigger picture.

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TRUTH #2: **Serving** Is How We Live on Purpose

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How Am I Using My:

Time: _____

Talent: _____

Treasure: _____

Every position matters on a football team—so it does in the church.

Matthew 20:28 “The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

If you're too **big** to serve, you're too **small** to lead.

Serving makes your faith come alive.

Serving is not about “getting fed”—it's about sharing what's on your plate.

Each of you has a gift to **serve** others. Jesus came to **serve**, not to be **served**.

TRUTH #3: Serve Like It's for **God**

Colossians 3:17 “Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus...”

Colossians 3:23–24 “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”

Serving isn't about being seen—it's about **serving** the Savior.

Every act of service is an act of **worship**.

Changing diapers. Greeting at the door. Running sound. Mowing the lawn.

When we all serve, the church becomes stronger, deeper, and more impactful. When we don't it's incomplete and unable to reach it's full potential.

Whatever I do, I do it for the Lord. Serving is an act of **worship**.

Get in the Game

Discover your gift. (Take a SHAPE test)

Serve someone. Step into a role. Use what you've got.

Don't stay on the sidelines.

God's Kingdom will not be built by **spectator**, it's built by **servants**. Are you too busy building your own kingdom or worse someone else's?

It's time to Leave It All on the Field

The people remembered are not the ones who stayed **safe**, but the ones who gave **everything**.

You were shaped to serve God, by serving others.

Next week: Tailgate Sunday—get on the field, not the sidelines.

Talk It Over Questions

When you think about Ephesians 2:10 (“You are God’s workmanship…”), what does it mean to you personally that God designed you with purpose?

Serving can sometimes feel unnoticed or unappreciated. How does Colossians 3:23–24 reshape your perspective on who you’re really serving?

What’s holding you back from “getting in the game” when it comes to serving God and others?

Action Points

Discover your gift. Take time this week to reflect on your talents, passions, and experiences—or take a SHAPE test to get clarity.

Step into a role. Don't wait for the perfect fit; try serving somewhere and let God shape you as you go.

Serve with worship in mind. This week, pick one act of service (at home, work, or church) and intentionally do it “for the Lord” instead of recognition.